**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and
listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A system for copying data between
a plurality of storage systems, comprising:

a first storage system coupled to a plurality of
computers, which comprises a first logical volume storing data
received from the plurality of computers; and

a second storage system coupled to said first storage
system, which comprises a second logical volume storing copy
data of data stored in said first logical volume;

wherein said first storage system assigns time
information to write data received from the plurality of
computers and sends the write data and the time information to
said second storage system; and

said second storage system stores the write data received
from said first storage system in said second logical volume
in an order based on the time information assigned to ~~this~~ the
write data.

2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1,
wherein

said first storage system, when a write time is assigned

to ~~the~~ a write request or the write data received from the

plurality of computers, records the received write time and

sends the write data with the received write time to said

second storage system, and

when a write time has not been applied to the write

request or the write data received from the computers, assigns

the write time recorded by said first storage system to the

received write data and sends the write data with the assigned

write time to said second storage system.


3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 2,

wherein

said first storage system comprises a plurality of first

logical volumes,

said second storage system comprises a plurality of

second logical volumes,

each of said plurality of second logical volumes belongs

to one of a plurality of logical volume groups, and

said second storage system, in respect of each of said

plurality of logical volume groups, records ~~the~~ a latest write

time in the write times assigned to the write data stored in a

logical volume in the logical volume groups and stores the

write data, to which a write time indicting time prior to the

latest write time has been assigned, in said second logical

volume.

4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 3,

wherein

said first storage system further assigns a sequential

number to the write data for each of the logical volume groups

and sends the write data with the assigned sequential number

to said second storage system, and

said second storage system stores the write data in a the

second logical volume in the order of the sequential numbers

assigned to the write data for each of the logical volume

groups.

5. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 4,

wherein

said second storage system stores the write data in the

sequential number order, so that there is no missing in

skipping of the sequential numbers that are assigned to the

write data stored in the second logical volume, for each

logical volume group.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein

the time information that is assigned to the write data

by said first storage system is a sequential number applied to

the write data in the order of reception of the write data.


7. (Currently Amended) A system for copying data between

a plurality of storage systems, comprising:

a first storage system coupled to a plurality of

computers, which comprises a first logical volume storing data

received from said plurality of computers;

a second storage system comprising a second logical

volume, which stores copy data of the data stored in said

first logical volume; and

a third storage system comprising a third logical volume,

which stores the copy data of the data stored in said first

logical volume;

wherein said first storage system stores write data

received from said plurality of computers in said first

logical volume and sends the write data received from said

plurality of computers to said second storage system,

said second storage system assigns time information to

the write data received from said first storage system and

sends the write data with the time information to said third

storage system; and

said third storage system stores the write data received

from said second storage system in said third logical volume

in accordance with the time information assigned to the write

data.


8. (Original) The system according to claim 7, wherein

the time information assigned to the write data is a

sequential number assigned to the write data in the order of

reception of the write data.


9. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 7,

wherein

said first storage system sends a completion report to

the at least one computer after receiving a report of

reception of the write data from said second storage system.


10. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 7,

wherein

said first storage system, when a write time is assigned

to the a write request or the write data received from the

plurality of computers, records the received write time and

sends the write data with the write time to said second

storage system, and

when a write time is assigned to the write data received

from said first storage system, said second storage system

records the received write time and sends the write data with

the write time to the third storage system,

when a write time has not been assigned to the write data

received from said first storage system, said second storage

system assigns the write time recorded in said second storage

system to the received write data and sends the write data

with the write time to said third storage system, and

said third storage system stores the received write data

in said third logical volume in accordance with the write time

assigned to the write data.


11. (Original) The system according to claim 10, wherein

said second storage system comprises a plurality of

second logical volumes,

said third storage system comprises a plurality of third

logical volumes,

said plurality of second logical volumes and said

plurality of third of logical volumes respectively belong to

one of a plurality of logical volume groups,

said third storage system, in respect of each of said

plurality of logical volume groups, records the write time

that is closest to the current time in the write times

assigned to the write data stored in a logical volume in the

logical volume group, and

stores write data, to which a write time indicating time

prior to the recorded write time has been assigned, in said

third logical volume.


12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 11,

wherein

said second storage system further assigns a sequential

number to the write data in respect of a logical volume

belonging to a logical volume group for each of the logical

volume groups and sends the write data with the sequential

number to said third storage system, and

said third storage system stores the write data in a

third logical volume in the order of the sequential numbers

assigned to the write data.


Claims 13-20 (Canceled)